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Brim is a new town on the Santa Fe road, situated in the Nolan valley above Belton.

Red River county, encouraged by the example of Lamar county, will vote on local option this month.

Engineers are locating the line of the Texas and Great Western railway to Decatur, in Wise county.

The New York and Texas land company are establishing a German colony in Robertson county.

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"The Cherokee Argonaut" is the name of a paper started at Jacksonville, Cherokee county.

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Luxury in New York.—The luxury and extravagance of New York is depicted in an article on "Ancient and Modern Luxury." From the days when Lucullus spent \$100 on a dinner, to the days when a man can spend \$1000 on a dinner, the article shows the progress of luxury. It is a story of the lives of the rich, from the days of the Romans to the present. It is a story of the lives of the rich, from the days of the Romans to the present. It is a story of the lives of the rich, from the days of the Romans to the present.

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